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reads as follows, was distributed in Nicosia on the evening of Sunday, 15 April 1956.
The copy from which this translation was made had been slipped under the door of a
Nicosia resident.

(Text)

FIRST COMMUNIQUE

To the Turkish people of Cyprus,

Our underground movement deems it necessary to announce the following:

1. Bearing in mind that communal clashes will soon start, take lawful defense precautions in your shops and homes.
2. Try to gain time by resisting any raid staged by the Greeks by using stones, knives, or sticks. Rest assured that our armed groups will come to your rescue in ten minutes.
3. Do not use the word VOLKAN in public places. Even if you happen to be members of VOLKAN, talking face to face with each other, do not disclose your secrets to each other.
4. Those who either deliberately or through vain display dare to give the slightest information regarding the Organization will be penalized by being shot like dogs.
5. The colonial lackeys who are in love with the British will be treated not as Turks but as traitors.
6. We ask our Turkish police brothers to continue to perform their duties as before, to be devoted to their duties, without racial discrimination. We wish to add, however, that policemen who carry their duties to the extent of treachery shall be punished.
7. It is true that one or two swindlers who joined our organization since its inception have collected money from the people without the knowledge of our organization. These swindlers have been expelled.

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Our people must especially pay attention to this point: Nothing is more fallacious than saying "At the moment they do not molest us, let us keep out of it." Do not forget that every fired shot is a step toward ENOSIS, and every dying Englishman drags us a little closer to the abyss of ENOSIS. And again do not forget that Britons are scared of the noise of gunshots. Consequently every bomb thrown by EOKA is thrown at us.

My dear brothers, the day of liberation is drawing near. Not the Greek nor the British but our flag, with its crescent and star, will fly over this Island. We feel we must act according to the saying "the quiet baby gets no milk." We are not going to cry though, we are going to thunder.

Cypriot Turks, be prepared to shed your sacred blood and fall along with 70,000 martyrs. You will become either veterans of war or martyrs. Civil war is about to begin.

As our Ata (probably meaning Ataturk--Ed.) said poetically: "Oh! you Cypriot, soar like an eagle rising from this place and swooping on the Taurus mountains."

Colonel FETHI

On behalf of VOLKAN.

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